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DAILY BRIEFING

NEWS:

1- President Trump says he will drop tariffs on steel and aluminum only if a “new and fair” NAFTA is signed, adding that Canada must also treat U.S. farmers better. [CNBC](#)

NC could pay high price for metals tariffs [WRAL](#)

2- Pork producers are asking that the next farm bill include mandatory funding to create a Foot and Mouth disease vaccine bank, despite the odds that there will be little or no new funding available. [SFN Today](#)

Farm bill really a food bill [KBTX](#)

3- Control over a fund coming with the Atlantic Coast Pipeline is at the center of controversy, and advocates for the project share the benefits of natural gas access for agriculture and other businesses. [WRAL](#)

4- The NC Rural Center held meetings in Lenoir and Jones counties last week to talk about issues facing rural counties, as part of a tour across the state. [Kinston Free Press](#)

Wanted: Rural health providers, but few answer the call [North Carolina](#)

[Health News](#)

5- A correction from last week: American Farm Bureau's first County Leader Week is March 12-16, and the daily schedule of online engagement opportunities has been released. [American Farm Bureau](#)

6- The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is accepting applications for its new Water Analysis Cost Share program, which will provide reimbursement funds for growers who test their water supply as part of a pre- and post-harvest food safety program. [NCDA & CS](#)

7- Environmental groups are challenging dicamba use over concerns that its drift problems in its first year of use pose a threat going forward to sensitive ecological areas. [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#)

8- DowDuPont has announced that its agricultural spinoff division will be called Corteva Agriscience and have its headquarters in Wilmington, Del. [Growing Produce](#)

9- Snow Hill-based Ham Farms is launching a brand called Prime Organics, and will have organic sweet potatoes, butternut squash and more under the label. [The Packer](#)

UPDATES & MORE:

1- The 2018 North Carolina Agriculture Export Seminar is May 24-25 in Greensboro, and registration closes Tuesday, April 24. [Eventa](#)

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